CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING DIVISION

Out of State Cert, 744 P Street, M.S. 19-50 Sacramento, CA 95814

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

FACILITY NAME: INTERMOUNTAIN CHILDREN'S HOME

ADMINISTRATOR: FITZGEARALD, JIM

FACILITY NUMBER: FACILITY TYPE:

602300021

ADDRESS: CITY:

500 SOUTH LAMBORN

TELEPHONE: ZIP CODE: STATE: MT

(406) 442-7920 59601

CAPACITY:

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CENSUS: 30 DATE: 04/20/2007

TYPE OF VISIT:

Case Management Re-Cert.

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Lora Cowee, Director of Operations:

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Spring FitzGerald, Health Information Manager; Mitch Johnson, Residential Manager

NARRATIVE

PURPOSE OF VISIT:

As mandated by California law, this annual visit was performed by the undersighned analyst for the purpose of re-certification and to verify that the facilitiv continues to:

- have the resources and ability to accept and provide safe, suitable 24-hour residential care and treatment to children who have been adjudged social service dependents or probation wards by a California Juvenile Court.
- remain in substantial compliance with California regulations governing children's residential group home care as well as remaining in compliance with applicable laws, regulations and standards in the state of their location.

CDSS CERTIFICATION HISTORY AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Intermountain Children's Home was first certified by CDSS August 1, 2005 subsequent to a two-day initial on-site visit performed by an analyst with the Out-of-State Certification Unit on April 28-29, 2005. (Note: For a description of Intermountain's philosophy and complete overview and analysis of the program offered, reference the August 1, 2005 report.)

CALIFORNIA PLACING AGENCIES:

At the time of this year's visit, there were 30 children in residence from ten different states - - one of which being California. Of the 30 children, 18 were placed by social service agencies within the various states represented; 12 were private (parental) placements. All five California children in residence were private placements.

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FACILITY, PHYSICAL PLANT AND PROGRAM REVIEW AND CHANGES:

Since last year's visit, all four living cottages were remodeled so as to provide all eight clients in each cottage to have their own bedroom and bath. Clients are additionally encouraged to individualize their bedrooms through personal taste, decor and accessories which lends each to be more comfortable and home-like; thus, promote a sense of belonging and attachment. In addition, each cottage will soon be undergoing new flooring installation throughout the common living areas.

No significant programmatic changes have occurred over the last year.

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LOCAL STATE LICENSING / COMPLAINT ISSUES:

A letter from the State of Montana, Department of Public Health and Human Services dated January 30, 2007 reflects that all four cottages were reissued a "Therapeutic Youth Group Home" license effective February 1, 2007 through January 31, 2008.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND/OR OTHER COLLATERAL AGENCY CLEARANCES:

A report by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Food and Consumer Safety Section reflects that on January 20, 2007, the facility's main kitchen and food service operation was inspected. No deficiencies were cited and the inspector commented in writing, "No problems were noted. Nice, clean, well organized food service facility."

ADMINISTRATION AND PLAN OF OPERATION REVIEW:

No significant programmatic and/or changes in administrative staff are noted.

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SCOPE OF RE-CERTIFICATION REVIEW:

- Collection of updated and current organization and program information and material.
- Entrance interview, tour and exit interview with Lora Cowee, Director of Operations;
 Spring FitzGerald, Health Information Manager; and Mitch Johnson, Residential Manager.
- Facility tour encompassed the following areas being examined: All four residential cottages, day services areas (school/ classrooms; cafeteria/food service area; indoor and outdoor recreation areas;) and administrative, therapy and staff offices.
- Assessment of accommodations, furniture/bedding, equipment, food and cleaning supplies, medical and first aid supplies.
- Observation of staff supervision and staff to client interactions.
- Assessment of emergency procedures - i.e., posted exit and evacuation routes; presence of fire extinguishers and adequate first aid and other emergency related supplies.

OUT-OF-STATE CERTIFICATION FINDINGS, AREAS OF CONCERN AND THOSE REQUIRING CORRECTION:

No areas of concern or substandard conditions are noted. Overall, the facility appears clean, safe, sanitary and in good repair with accommodations, equipment, toys and activities that are age appropriate and which lend themselves to create a cheerful, positive treatment mileau that offers it's clientele hope and a chance to heal and grow.

CERTIFICATION DECISION:

Re-certify.

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